This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image data generating device for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising:

an image data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire said image data;

an output control data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire output control data that designates output conditions for a plurality of output devices, said output control data relating to respective output devices of said plurality of output devices; and

an image data output mechanism configured to <u>arrange</u> ~~attach~~ said output control data <u>and</u> ~~to~~ said image data <u>in a file</u>, and to output said <u>file</u> ~~image data~~.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying respective output devices of said plurality of output devices.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a designating mechanism configured to designate more than one of said plurality of output devices for output of said image data, wherein said output control data acquisition mechanism acquires output control data for output devices designated by said designating mechanism.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 2, wherein:

said identifying information consists of information identifying at least one classification selected from a group of classifications consisting of output device category, output device output format, manufacturer, and output device model name.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 3, wherein:

said output control data acquisition mechanism is configured to acquire output control data with reference to a classification level designated when output devices are designated by said designating mechanism.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 5, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying said more than one of said plurality of output devices, and

said identifying information is a classification designated when predetermined output devices are designated by said designating mechanism.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 4, wherein:

said output device category includes printing devices and display devices.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 7, wherein:

said output device output formats include xerographic printing, sublimation printing, ink jet printing, CRT display, LCD display, projection display, transmissive display, and reflective display formats.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a data storage device configured to hold output control data,

wherein said output control data acquisition mechanism is configured to acquire said output control data from said data storage device.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

an output control data generating mechanism configured to generate said output control data for a designated output device,

wherein said output control data acquisition mechanism is configured to acquire said output control data generated by said output control data generating mechanism.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, further comprising:

an image data generating mechanism configured to generate said image data,

wherein said image data acquisition mechanism acquires said image data generated by said image data generating mechanism.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A computer-executable program for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, said computer-executable program performing functions comprising:

acquisition of said image data;

designation of a plurality of output devices for output of said image data;

acquisition of output control data that designates output conditions for a plurality of output devices, said output control data relating to respective output devices of said plurality of said output devices; and

generation of <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An image data generating device for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising:

means for acquiring said image data;

means for acquiring output control data that designates output conditions for a plurality of output devices, said output control data relating to each individual output device; and

means for generating <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising steps of:

acquiring said image data;

acquiring output control data that designates output conditions for a plurality of output devices, said output control data relating to respective output devices of said plurality of output devices; and

generating <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 14, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying respective output devices of said plurality of output devices.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 14, further comprising a step of:

designating more than one of said plurality of output devices for output of said image data, and acquiring output control data for output devices designated in said designating step.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 15, wherein:

said identifying information consists of information identifying at least one classification selected from a group of classifications consisting of output device category, output device output format, manufacturer, and output device model name.

Claim 18 (Original): A method according to claim 16, wherein:

said acquiring step includes acquiring output control data with reference to a classification level designated when output devices are designated in said designating step.

Claim 19 (Original): A method according to claim 18, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying said more than one of said plurality of output devices, and

said identifying information is a classification designated when output devices are designated in said designating step.

Claim 20 (Original): A method according to claim 17, wherein:

said output device category includes printing devices and display devices.

Claim 21 (Original): A method according to claim 20, wherein:

said output device output formats include xerographic printing, sublimation printing, ink jet printing, CRT display, LCD display, projection display, transmissive display, and reflective display formats.

Claim 22 (Original): A method according to claim 14, further comprising steps of:

holding in memory output control data, and

acquiring said output control data from said memory.

Claim 23 (Original): A method according to claim 14, further comprising steps of:

generating said output control data for a designated output device; and

acquiring said output control data generated in said generating said output control data step.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A memory according to claim 14, further comprising steps of:

generating said image data; and

acquiring said image data.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): An image data generating device for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising:

an image data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire said image data;

an output control data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire output control data that includes identifying information for identifying an output device, and that designates output conditions for an output device; and

an image data generation mechanism configured to generate <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): An image data generating device for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising:

means for acquiring said image data;

means for acquiring output control data that includes identifying information for identifying an output device, and that designates output conditions for an output device; and

means for generating <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A method for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, comprising the steps of:

acquiring said image data;

acquiring output control data that includes identifying information for identifying an output device, and that designates output conditions for an output device; and

generating <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A computer-executable image data generating program for generating image data to be outputted by an output device, said computer-executable program performing functions comprising:

acquisition of said image data;

acquisition of output control data that includes identifying information for identifying an output device, and that designates output conditions for the output device; and

generation of <u>a file that contains said</u> image data <u>and</u> ~~that has~~ said output control data ~~attached thereto~~.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): An output control device for outputting image data using image data and output control data designating output conditions for an output device, wherein the output control data <u>and</u> ~~is attached to~~ the image data <u>are contained in a file</u>, said output control device comprising:

an image data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire said image data;

an output control data acquisition mechanism configured to acquire said output control data;

a designated output device determination mechanism configured to determine whether said acquired output control data is output control data that designates said designated output device from another device; and

an output control mechanism configured to perform output control based on said output control data previously acquired when said output control data previously acquired is determined to be output control data designating from said other device.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): An output control device according to claim 29, further comprising:

a storage device configured to hold predetermined output control data, wherein said output control mechanism performs output control based on said predetermined output control data when the output control data that is previously acquired is determined not to be output control data designating from said other device.

Claim 31 (Original): An output control device according to claim 30, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying a predetermined output device, and said designated output device determination mechanism operates on said identifying information to determine whether output control data is output control data designated by said other device.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): An output control device according to claim 30, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information that consists of at least one classification selected from a group of classifications consisting of output device category, output device output format, manufacturer, and output device model name; and

where all of said classifications match the classifications of the other device, said designated output device determination mechanism is configured to determine output control data that is output control data designated by the other device.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): An output control device for outputting image data using an image file that includes image data and output control data designating output conditions for an output device, comprising:

means for acquiring said image data from said image file;

means for acquiring said output control data from said image file;

means for determining whether said acquired output control data is output control data that designates said designated output device from another device; and

means for performing output control based on said output control data previously acquired when said output control data previously acquired is determined to be output control data designated by said other device.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): A method for outputting image data using an image file that includes image data and output control data designating output conditions for an output device, comprising steps of:

acquiring said image data from said image file;

acquiring said output control data from said image file;

determining whether said acquired output control data is output control data that designates said designated output device from another device; and

performing output control based on said output control data previously acquired when said output control data previously acquired is determined to be output control data designated by said other device.

Claim 35 (Original): A method according to claim 34, further comprising steps of:

storing predetermined output control data, and performing output control based on said predetermined output control data when said output control data previously acquired is determined not to be output control data designated by the other device.

Claim 36 (Original): A method according to claim 34, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information for identifying an output device, and said determining step determines based on said identifying information whether output control data is output control data designated by the other device.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 34, wherein:

said output control data includes identifying information that consists of at least one classification selected from a group of classifications consisting of output device category, output device output format, manufacturer, and output device model name; and

all of said classifications match the classifications of the other device when said determining step determines output control data is output control data designated by the other device.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): A computer-executable program for outputting image data using an image file that includes image data and output control data designating output conditions for an output device, said computer-executable program performing functions comprising:

acquisition of said image data from said image file;

acquisition of said output control data from said image file;

determination of whether said acquired output control data is output control data designated by an other device; and

performing output control based on output control data previously acquired when said acquired output control data is determined to be output control data designated by the other device.

Claims 39-42 (Canceled).

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): An image data generating device according to claim 1, wherein the output control data includes image processing control information.

Claim 44 (Canceled).